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New Moon 2d day, 6th hour, 6th morning.

POETRY.

THE TELEGRAPH.

BY JOHN PIERPONT.

When the half century that now expires
Drew its first breath, of telegraphic wires
Nothing was known; a bonfire on a hill
Had long announced approaching good or ill;
The Hebrews' fire-sign on Beth Hecoreem
Told of the spoiler that was threatening them;
And the same signal hailed the Greek with joy,
And knew from it the fate of fallen Troy.
Bale fire that played on Cheviot's rocky head,
Reflected from the Teviot's glossy bed,
Advised the wary Scotsman of "the hour"
When from the South "approached proud Ed-
ward's power."
Now, then, the wooden telegraph's long arm
Has just been taught to indicate alarm;
And, I believe, Broquet and Betancourt
Had also made the Gallic semaphore
To do as much of that, and something more;
("I will be remembered that the famed "blue
lights"
That burned so treasonably on Groton's heights
To show the British how to run away
From our own guns, were of a later day!)
But now both editors and news-boys laugh
At bale-fires and the timber telegraph.
Quicker than you can light your beacon fire
Morse yokes the lightning to his ear of wire,
And if the message travels with the sun,
In less than no time is the message done.
On heaven's sweet light, and all the affair of
men.
A Hero Chieftain, laying down his pen,
Closes his eyes in Washington at ten;
The lightning courier leaps along the line,
And at St. Louis tells the tale at nine;
Halting a thousand miles whence he departed,
And getting there an hour before he started.

SELECTED TALE.

THE LADY LUCY'S SECRET.

BY MRS. NEWTON CROSLAND.

"With clamorous demands of debt, broken bonds,
And the detention of long-since-due debts,
Against my honor."—TIMON OF ATHENS.
"How in the turmoil of life can love stand,
Where there is not one heart, and one mouth,
and one hand?"—LONGFELLOW.

Is a charming morning-room of a charm-
ing London house, neighboring Hyde-Park,
there lounged over the breakfast-table a
wedded pair,—the rich merchant Farrars,
and his young wife, the Lady Lucy. Five
years of married life had, in most respects,
more than realized the brightest hopes
which had been born and cherished in the
dreaming days of courtship. Till the age
of forty, the active mind of Walter Farrars
had been chiefly occupied by business,—
not in mean shuffling, speculative dealings,
but on the broad basis of large transactions
and an almost chivalrous system of integ-
rity.

Then, when a secured position and the
privileges of wealth had introduced him to
that inner circle of English society
which not wealth alone can penetrate, but
where wealth in some due proportion is an
element necessary to hold fast a place, it
was thought most natural and proper that
he should choose a wife from the class
which seems set apart from the rest of
womanhood like the choice flowers of a
conservatory, on whom no rude breath
must blow. The youthful, but nearly por-
tionless daughter of a poor Earl seemed
the very bride decreed by some good angel
for the merchant prince.

But though the nuptials fulfilled nearly
all the requirements of a marriage de con-
venance, there was in reality very much
more of the ingredients in their hearts
which amalgamate into very genuine
"love," than always meet at the altar;
though of course "the World" resolutely
refused to believe anything of the sort—the
World, which is capable of so much kind-
ness, and goodness, and justice, among its
individuals, taken "separately and sing-
ly," and yet is such a false, malignant,
many-headed monster in its corporate
body! Walter Farrars had a warm heart,
that yearned for affection, as well as a clear
head; and, fascinated as he had been by
the youthful grace and beauty, the high-
bred repose of manner and cultivated tal-
ents of the Lady Lucy, he set himself res-
olutely to win and keep her girlish heart,
not expecting that the man of forty was to
obtain it without an effort. Thus, when
he assumed a husband's name, he did not
"drop the lover." His was still the watch-
ful care, made up of the thousand little
thoughtful kindnesses of daily life neither
relaxed in a *le-to-a-tete*, nor increased in
public. He was the pleased and ready es-
cort for every occasion, save only when
some imperative business claimed his time
and presence; and these calls now were
rare, for he had long since arrived at the
position when efficient servants and as-
sistants carry out the plans a superior has or-
ganized.

Is there any wonder that the wife was
grateful? Few—few women indeed are
insensible to the power of continued kind-
ness; they may have a heart of stone for
the impetuous impulsive lover, but habitual
tenderness—that seems so unselfish—
touches the finest chords of their nature,
and awakens affection that might have lain
dormant through a long life, but for this
one sweet influence. Thus it was that the
wife of five years loved her husband with
an almost adoring worship. She had felt
her own mind expand in the intimate com-
munion with his fine intellect; she had felt
her own weakness grow strong, and she had
recognized the very dawn of
principles and opinions that had been un-
known to her in the days of her thought-
less, ignorant, inexperienced girlhood.—
And yet with all her love, with all her ma-
tured intelligence, she had never lost a cer-
tain awe of her husband, which his senior-
ity had perhaps first implanted, and alas!
one fatal circumstance had gone far to ren-
der morbid.

They sat at breakfast. It was early
spring, and though the sunshine streamed
through the windows, and from one of
them there crept the odors of the conserv-
atory, a bright fire gleamed and crackled
in the grate, and shed a charm of cheerful-
ness through the room. Mr. Farrars had
a newspaper in his hand, but not yet had
he perused a line, for his son and heir, a
brave boy of three years old, a very model
of patrician beauty, was climbing his large
chair, playing antics of many sorts, and
even affecting to pull his father's still rich
and curling hair, so little awe had the young
Walter of the head of the house—while
Mr. Farrars' parental glee was like a deep
bass to the child's crowing laugh. Lady
Lucy smiled too, but she shook her head,
and said more than once, "Naughty papa
is spoiling Watty." It was a pretty scene;
the room was redolent with elegance, and
the young mother, in her exquisitely simple
but tasteful morning dress, was one of its
chief ornaments. Who would think that
beneath all this sweetness there was still a
serpent?

A post was just in, and a servant entered
with several letters; among those delivered
to Lady Lucy were two or three large, un-
sightly, ill-shaped epistles, that seemed
strange company for the others. An ob-
serving stranger might have noticed Lady
Lucy's cheek paled, and then flushed; that
she crushed up her letters together, with-
out immediately opening them; and that
presently she slid the ugly ones into the
pocket of her satin apron. Mr. Farrars
read his almost with a glance—for they
were masculine letters, laconic, and to the
point, conveying necessary information, in
three lines and a half—and he smiled, as
after a while he observed his wife appar-
ently intent on a truly feminine epistle—four
sides of delicate paper closely crossed—
and exclaimed gaily:

"My dear Lucy, there's an hour's read-
ing for you, at least; so I shall ring and
send Watty to the nursery, and settle
steadily to the Times."

But though Lady Lucy really perused
the letter, her mind refused to retain the
pleasant chit-chat gossip it contained.—
Her thoughts were far away, and had she
narrowly examined her motives she would
have known that she bent over the friendly
sheet chiefly as an excuse for silence, and
to conceal her passing emotions. Mean-
while the newspaper gently crackled in her
husband's hand as he moved its broad
leaves.

Presently Mr. Farrars started with an
exclamation of grief and astonishment that
completely roused his absent wife.

"My dear Walter, what has happened?"
she asked, with great anxiety.

"A man a bankrupt, whom I thought as
safe as the Bank of England. Though it
is true people talked about him months ago
—spoke suspiciously of his personal ex-
travagance, and, above all, said that his
wife was ruining him."

"His wife!"

"Yes;—but I cannot understand that
sort of thing. A few hundreds a year more
or less could be of little moment to a man
like Beaufort, and I don't suppose she
spent more than you do, my darling. At
any rate she was never better dressed.—
Yet I believe the truth was, that she got
frightfully into debt unknown to him; and
debt is a sort of thing that multiplies itself
in a most astonishing manner, and sows
by the wayside the seeds of all sorts of
misery. Then people say that when pay-
day came at last, bickerings ensued, their
domestic happiness was broken up, Beau-

fort grew reckless, and plunged into the
excitement of the maddest speculations."
"How dreadful!" murmured Lady Lucy.

"Dreadful, indeed! I don't know what
should do with such a wife."
"Would you not forgive her if you love
her very much?" asked Lady Lucy, and
she spoke in the singularly calm tone of
suppressed emotion.

"Once, perhaps, once; and if her fault
were the fault of youthful inexperience,—
but so much falseness, mean deception, an
mental deterioration must have been put
into the trial."

As he spoke, the eyes of Mr. Farrars
were fixed on the leading article of the
Times, not on his wife. Presently Lady
Lucy glided from the room, without her
absence being at the moment observed.—
Once in her dressing-room she turned the
key, and sinking into a low chair, gave
vent to her grief in some of the bitterest
tears she had ever shed. She, too, was in
debt; "frightfully," her husband had used
the right word; "hopelessly," so far as
satisfying her creditors even out of the
large allowance Mr. Farrars made her; and
still she had not the courage voluntarily to
tell the truth, which yet she knew must
burst upon him ere long. From what
small beginnings had this *Upas* shadow come
upon her! And what "falseness, mean
deception, and mental deterioration" had
truly been hers!

Even the fancied relief of weeping was a
luxury denied to her, for she feared to show
the evidence of tears; thus after a little
while she strove to drive them back, and
by bathing her face before the glass, and
drawing the braids of her soft hair a little
nearer her eyes, she was tolerably success-
ful in hiding their trace. Never, when
dressing for court or gala, had she consult-
ed her mirror so closely; and now, though
the tears were dried, she was shocked at
the lines of anguish—those delvers of the
wrinkles of age—which marked her coun-
tenance. She sat before her looking-glass,
one hand supporting her head, the other
clutching the hidden letters which she had
not yet the courage to open. There was a
slight tap at the door.

"Who is there?" inquired Lady Lucy.

"It is I, my lady," replied Harris, her
faithful maid. "Madame Dalmás is here."

Lady Lucy unlocked her door and gave
orders that the visitor should be shown up.
With the name had come a flash of hope
that some trifling temporary help would be
hers. Madame Dalmás called herself a
French-woman, and signed herself "An-
toinette," but she was really an English
Jewess of low extraction, whose true name
was Sarah Solomons. Her "profession"
was to purchase—and sell—the cast-off ap-
parel of ladies of fashion; and few of the
sisterhood have carried the art of double
cheating to so great a proficiency. With al-
ways a roll of bank notes in her old leath-
ern pocket-book, and always a dirty canvas
bag full of bright sovereigns in her pocket,
she had ever the subtle temptation for her
victims ready.

Madame Dalmás—for she must be called
according to the name engraved on her
card—was a little meanly-dressed woman
of about forty, with bright eyes and a hook-
ed nose, a restless shuffling manner, and
an ill-pitched voice. Her jargon was a
mixture of bad French and worse English.

"Bon jour, miladi Lucy," she exclaim-
ed, as she entered Lady Lucy's sanctum,
"need not inquire of health, you look si
charmante. Oh, si belle!—that make you
wear old clothes so longer dan oder ladies,
and have so leetle for me to buy. Miladi
Lucy Farrars know she look well in any-
thing, but yet she should not wear old
clothes; no right—for example—for de
trade, and de hoosband always like de wife
well dressed—ha—ha!"

Poor Lady Lucy! Too sick at heart to
have any relish for Madame Dalmás' nau-
seous compliments, and more than half
aware of her cheats and falsehoods, she yet
tolerated the creature from her own dire
necessities.

"Sit down, Madame Dalmás," she said,
"I am dreadfully in want of money; but I
really don't know what I have for you."

"De green velvet, which you not let me
have before Easter, I still give you four
pounds for it, though perhaps you worn it
very much since then."

"Only twice—only seven times in all—
and it cost me twenty guineas," sighed La-
dy Lucy.

"Ah, but so old-fashioned—I do believe
I not see my money for it. Voyez-vous,

de Lady Lucy is one petite lady—si jolie
mais tres petite. If she wore de tall grand
lady, you see de great dresses could fit
small lady, but de leetle dresses fit but ver
few."

"If I sell the green velvet I must have
another next winter," murmured Lady Lucy.

"Ah! vous avez raison—when de sea-
son nouveutes come in. I tell you what
—you let me have also de white lace robe
you show me once, the same time I bought
from you one leetle old pearl brooch."

"What for not?—you not want to mar-
ry over again—I give you twenty-two pounds
for it."

"Twenty-two pounds!—why it is Brus-
sels point, and cost a hundred and twenty."

"Ah, I know—but you forget I perhaps
keep it ten years and not sell—and besides
you buy dear; great lady often buy ver
dear!" and Madame Dalmás shook her
head with the solemnity of a sage.

"No, no; I cannot sell my wedding-
dress," again murmured the wife. And be-
it recorded, the temptress, for once, was
baffled; but at the expiration of an hour,
Madame Dalmás left the house, with a quiet
satisfaction revealed in her countenance,
had any one thought it worth while to study
the expression of her disagreeable face.

Again Lady Lucy locked her door; and
placing a bank-note and some sovereigns
on the table, she sank into a low chair, and
while a few large silent tears flowed down
her cheeks, she at last found courage to
open the three letters which had hitherto
remained unread in her apron pocket.—
The first—the second, seemed to contain
nothing to surprise her, however much
there might be to annoy—but it was dif-
ferent with the last: here was a gross over-
charge, and perhaps it was not with quite
a disagreeable feeling that Lady Lucy found
something of which she could justly com-
plain. She rose hurriedly and unlocked a
small writing-desk, which had long been
used as a receptacle for old letters and ac-
counts.

To tell the truth, the interior of the desk
did not present a very orderly arrangement.
Cards of address, bills paid and unpaid,
copies of verses, and papers of many de-
scriptions, were huddled together, and it
was not by any means surprising that Lady
Lucy failed in her search for the original
account, by which to rectify the error in
her shoemaker's bill. In the hurry and
nervous trepidation which had latterly be-
come almost a constitutional ailment with
her, she turned out the contents of the writ-
ing-desk into an easy chair, and then
kneeling before it, she set herself to the
task of carefully examining the papers.—
Soon she came to one letter which had
been little expected in that place, and which
still bore the marks of a rose, whose with-
ered leaves also remained, that had been
put away in its folds. The rose Walter
Farrars had given her on the eve of their
marriage, and the letter was in his hand-
writing, and bore but a few days earlier
date. With quickened pulses she opened
the envelope; and though a mist rose be-
fore her eyes, it seemed to form into a mir-
ror in which she saw the by-gone hours.—
And so she read—and read.

It is the fashion to laugh at love-letters,
perhaps because only the silly ones come
to light. With the noblest of both sexes
such effusions are sacred, and would be
profaned by the perusal of a third person;
but when a warm and true heart is joined
to a manly intellect; when reason sanc-
tions and constancy maintains the choice
which has been made, there is little doubt
but much of simple, truthful, touching elo-
quence is often to be found in a "lover's"
letter. That which the wife now perused
with strange and mingled feelings was evi-
dently a reply to some girlish depreciation
of herself, and contained these words:

"You tell me that in the scanty years
of your past life, you already look back on
a hundred follies, and that you have un-
numbered faults of character at which I do
not even guess. Making some allowance
for a figurative expression, I will answer
'it may be so.' What then? I have
never called you an angel, and never de-
sired you to be perfect. The weaknesses
which cling, tendrill-like, to a fine nature,
not unfrequently bind us to it by ties we
do not wish to sever. I know you for a
true-hearted girl, but with the bitter les-
sons of life still unlearned; let it be my
part to shield you from their sad knowl-

edge,—yet whatever sorrow or evil falls
upon you, I must or ought to share. Let
us have no secrets; and while the Truth
which gives its purest luster to your eye,
and its richest rosette to your cheek, still
reigns in your soul, I cannot dream of a
fault grave enough to deserve harsher re-
buke than the kiss of forgiveness."

What lines to read at such a moment!
No wonder their meaning reached her
mind far differently than it had done when
they were first received. Then she could
have little heeded it; witness how care-
lessly the letter had been put away—how
Lucy Farrars no longer strove to conceal
them. And yet there gleamed through
them a brighter smile than had visited her
countenance for many a month. A resolve
approved by all her better nature was grow-
ing firm within her heart; and that which
an hour before would have seemed too
dreadful to contemplate was losing half its
terrors. How often an ascent, which
looks in the distance a bare precipice, shows
us, when we approach its face, the notches
by which we may climb!—and not a few
of the difficulties of life yield to our will
when we bravely encounter them.

"Why did I fear him so much?" mur-
mured Lady Lucy to herself. "I ought
not to have needed such an assurance as
this to throw myself at his feet, and bear
even scorn and rebuke, rather than pro-
long the reign of falsehood and deceit.—
Yes—yes," and gathering a heap of papers
in her hand with the "love-letter" beneath,
she descended the stairs.

There is no denying that Lady Lucy
paused at the library door—no denying that
her heart beat quickly, and her breath
seemed well-nigh spent; but she was right
to act on the good impulse, and not wait
until the new-born courage should sink.

Mr. Farrars had finished the newspaper,
and was writing an unimportant note; his
back was to the door, and hearing the
rustle of his wife's dress, and knowing her
step, he did not turn his head sufficiently
to observe her countenance, but he said,
good-humoredly.

"At last! What have you been about?
I thought we were to go out before lunch-
con to look at the bracelet I mentioned to
you."

"No Walter—no bracelet—you must
never give me any jewels again;" and as
Lady Lucy spoke she leaned against a chair
for support. At such words her husband
turned quickly round, started up and ex-
claimed,

"Lucy, my love!—in tears—what has
happened?" and, finding that even when
he wound his arm around her she was still
mute, he continued, "Speak—this silence
breaks my heart—what have I done to
lose your confidence?"

"Not you—I—" gasped the wife.—
"Your words at breakfast—this letter—
I have rolled the stone from my heart—I
must confess—the truth—I am like Mrs.
Beaufort—in debt—frightfully in debt."—
And with a gesture, as if she would crush
herself into the earth, she slipped from his
arms and sank literally on the floor.

Whatever pang Mr. Farrars felt at the
knowledge of her fault, it seemed overpow-
ered by the sense of her present an-
guish—an anguish that proved how bitter
had been the expiation; and he lifted his
wife to the sofa, bent over her with fond-
ness, called her by all the dear pet names
to which her ear was accustomed, and
nearer twenty times than once gave her the
"kiss of forgiveness."

"And it is of you I have been fright-
ened!" cried Lady Lucy, clinging to his
hand. "You who I thought would never
make any excuses for faults you yourself
could not have committed!"

"I have never been tempted."

"Have I? I dare not say so."

"Tell me how it all came about," said
Mr. Farrars, drawing her to him; "tell
me from the beginning."

But his gentleness unnerved her—she
felt choking—loosened the collar of her
dress for breathing space—and gave him
the knowledge he asked in broken excla-
mations.

"Before I was married—it began.—
They persuaded me so many—oh, so many
—unnecessary things—were needed. Then
they would not send the bills—and I for a
long time—never knew—what I owed—
and then—I thought I should have the
power—but—"

"Your allowance was not sufficient?"
asked Mr. Farrars, pressing her hand as he
spoke.

"Oh, yes, yes, yes! most generous, and
yet it was always forestalled to pay old

bills; and then—and then my wants were
so many. I was so weak. Madame Dalmás
has had dresses I could have worn when
I had new ones on credit instead, and—
and Harris has had double wages to com-
pensate for what a lady's maid thinks her
perquisites; even articles I might have
given to poor gentlemen I have been
mean enough to sell. Oh, Walter! I have
done very wrong; but I have been miser-
able for at least three years. I felt as if an
iron cage were rising around me,—from
which you only could free me—and yet, till
to-day, I think I could have died rather

"Oh, no!—no—but you are so just—so
strict in all these things—"

"I hope I am; and yet not the less do I
understand how all this has come about.—
Now, Lucy,—now that you have ceased to
fear me—tell me the amount."

She strove to speak, but could not.

"Three figures or four? tell me."

"I am afraid—yes, I am afraid four,"
murmured Lady Lucy, and hiding her face
from his view; "yes, four figures; and my
quarter received last week gone every
penny."

"Lucy, every bill shall be paid this day;
but you must reward me by being happy."

"Generous! dearest! But, Walter, if
you had been a poor man, what then?"

"Ah, Lucy, that would have been a very
different and an infinitely sadder story. In-
stead of the relinquishment of some indig-
nity hardly to be missed, there might
have been ruin, and poverty, and disgrace.
You have one excuse,—at least you knew
that I could pay at last."

"Ah, but at what a price! The price
of your love and confidence."

"No, Lucy—for your confession has
been voluntary; and I will not ask myself
what I should have felt had the knowledge
come from another. After all, you have
fallen into a temptation which besets the
wives of the rich far more than those
of poor or struggling gentlemen. Trades-
people are shrewd enough in one respect
—they do not press their commodities and
long credit in quarters where ultimate pay-
ment seems doubtful—though—"

"They care not what domestic misery
they create among the rich."

"Stay: there are faults on both sides,
not the least of them being that girls in
your station are too rarely taught the value
of money, or that integrity in money mat-
ters should be to them a point of honor se-
cond only to one other. Now listen, my
darling, before we dismiss this painful sub-
ject forever. You have the greatest confi-
dence in your maid, and *entre nous* she
must be a good deal in the secret. We
shall bribe her to discretion, however, by
dismissing Madame Dalmás at once and
forever. As soon as you can spare Harris,
I will send her to change a check at Coutts';
and then, for expedition and security, she
shall take out the brougham and make a
round to these tradespeople. Meanwhile,
I will drive you in the phaeton to look at
the bracelet!"

"Oh, no—no, dear Walter, not the
bracelet!"

"Yes—yes—I say yes. Though not a
quadrant, this is a sorrow which has come be-
tween us, and there must be a peace-offering.
Besides I would not have you think
that you had reached the limits of my will,
and of my means to gratify you."

"To think that I could have doubted—
that I could have feared you!" sobbed
Lady Lucy, as tears of joy coursed down
her cheeks. "But, Walter, it is not every
husband who would have shown such gen-
erosity."

"I think there are few husbands, Lucy,
who do not estimate truth and candor as
among the chief of conjugal virtues.—ah,
had you confided in me when first you felt
the bondage of debt, how much anguish
would have been spared you!"

LANGUAGES OF AFRICA.—At a religious
meeting in London, the Rev. John Clark,
formerly missionary in Jamaica, and after-
ward in Fernando Po, in Africa, said that
at Fernandina there were persons belong-
ing to fifty different tribes, who understood
English so well as to be of help to a trans-
lator of the Bible into their respective lan-
guages.

He thought the Word of God would have
to be translated into two hundred lan-
guages before all the tribes of Africa would
be able to read it in their own tongue. The
Mahomedans, who are spread through the
length of the continent, have many
characters. If, therefore, the Word of
God were translated into their tongues and
printed in that character, many, not only
of the Hovas and Arabs of the desert, but
also of the Foolaas, Mandingoes, and Hous-
sah, who professed Mahomedanism,
would be able to read concerning Jesus
Christ.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamer *AFRICA*, from Liverpool, arrived at New York on Saturday last with seven days later intelligence from Europe.

ENGLAND.—England still continues in a ferment about the creation of a Roman hierarchy on her soil, but the excitement and indignation among the masses of the people seem to be visibly subsiding. Cardinal Wiseman has been duly installed in his new office, and, in virtue thereof, had proceeded to issue a paper, which was read in the metropolitan Romish chapels on Sunday, appointing a jubilee and granting plenary indulgence to all the "faithful" for twelve days from the 8th to the 20th inst.

A huge effigy of the Pope has been burned on Clapham common in the presence of an immense assemblage of persons from all parts of the metropolis.

A commercial house in Manchester is spinning a pound of cotton for the Great Exhibition of 1851, in length 238 miles and 1130 yards, being the finest ever yet produced. It is thus calculated.—There are 80 layers of one yard and a half each in a warp, 7 warps in a hank, and 500 in a pound of cotton. Those most conversant with the details of cotton spinning can best appreciate the value of the machinery and the talent displayed in so wonderful a production.

At this moment. Even in this excitable capital parties seem to imitate the quietude or forbearance of the great powers abroad; and, however short or long may be the duration of this unwelcome state of things, it is certain that in this respect also there has seldom been such a lull as at this moment.

In the Chamber Dec. 5th, a discussion took place on the levying of 40,000 men.—The Foreign Minister, in a firm but exceedingly pacific speech, urged the necessity of the levy, on the grounds that, although the main points of the German question were settled, future events might render it necessary for France to be prepared for an emergency. After a short discussion, the grant was carried by 232 majority.

The largest ship in the French service, the *Valmy*, narrowly escaped being consumed by fire at sea a few days since. The powder magazine blew up and killed twenty persons. All the interior of the ship was destroyed. The *Valmy* has, however, reached Brest, where she will be repaired.

PRUSSIA.—The telegraphic report of the hostile tone of the Lower House of the Assembly, and of the adjournment of the Prussian Diet, is confirmed. The preparations for war continue with the greatest zeal. The Standard states that the news from Germany is generally considered satisfactory. The prorogation of the Prussian parliament is looked upon as a prudent measure.

The conference at Olmutz has terminated. The result of the interview is not known, but there is every reason to believe it will promote a peaceful understanding with the Cabinet at Vienna.

In spite of the energetic measures which the cabinet had just taken against the war party in the two houses, it appears that the preparations for war continued with the greatest zeal. The whole of Silesia is in arms, and the second "call" of the Landwehr has just been mustered in the district towns. From Coblenz, too, we learn that preparations are making to put the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein and the fortified camps of Coblenz, Petersburg, and Carlsruhe, into an efficient state of defence, and that for this purpose the pioneers have commenced the clearing of the glacia.

No movements of any importance have, however, taken place among the Austrian forces, which are encamped upon the frontiers of Prussian Silesia. The only circumstance which deserves notice is that the Austrian troops, which entered Friedland on the 24th ult., were suddenly marched back to the interior of Bohemia on the 29th.

AUSTRIA.—Advices from Vienna of the 3d state that the Prince Schwarzenberg had returned to the capital.

The private advices of the Correspondence Bureau state the Imperial cabinet has accepted the Olmutz arrangements, and that peace is certain.

INDIA.—The most important intelligence despatched by the mail is that of the commencement of Indian railways. The first rod of the Bombay Railway was turned on the 31st of October. The first section of the line extends along the western or insular margin of the harbor, from the town of Bombay to Tanna, in the island of Salsette, a distance of about 19 miles.

The articles intended for the Exposition of 1851 are now on their way through the Punjab. They are accompanied by about 29 lacs of old rupees sent down to Bombay to be recoined, and are escorted by a regiment of infantry, a squadron of cavalry, and two horse artillery guns.

The Maharajah Goolab Singh of Jammu, has sent a collection of shawls and other articles of Cashmere manufacture, to Lahore, for the Great London Exhibition of 1851; they are valued in all at £10,000, and are bestowed in free gifts on the trustees. The contribution of the other Hill Chiefs around are numerous and costly; amongst them is a suit of steel armor inlaid with gold, from the Rajah of Naba.

EXTRACT from a letter to a commercial house in New Orleans, dated Durango, Mexico, Oct. 8:—

"The crop of maize is completely lost over a stretch of country of more than 300 leagues, and we anticipate a year of unparalleled misery, famine, sickness, &c., as nine-tenths of the population subsist almost exclusively on maize. The road to Matamoros is entirely laid waste, and the pastures are completely dried up, as we have not had the usual rains this season.—The Indians have taken possession of the road to Mazatlan, and our communication with that port may be said to be cut off."

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 23.
SENATE.—Mr. Clay presented petitions praying for a modification of the Tariff of 1816. He detailed the grievances of which petitioners complained, and said that as there was now a calm upon the lately disturbed surface of public affairs, which calm he hoped was a real one, he thought that Congress should take up the Tariff, and consider it in a kind, liberal and national spirit.

Mr. Gwin moved to take up the bill to provide for the examination and settlement of titles and claims to land in California.—The motion was agreed to, and after debate and amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Gwin then offered a substitute for the whole bill which was agreed to, and then postponed.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned to Thursday.

HOUSE.—Mr. Richardson made a personal explanation in relation to a letter published in the N. Y. Tribune which accused him of having, as Chairman of the Select Committee on the charges against Secretary Ewing last session, suppressed from the published documents, a letter from Ewing, vindicating himself from certain of the charges. Mr. Richardson reviewed the letter, and pronounced it from beginning to end an unmitigated falsehood.

A resolution of a joint resolution, having reference to the Land Bounty Bill, the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 26.
SENATE.—The resolution of Mr. Cass, calling for the official correspondence with Austria, as to Hungarian affairs was adopted.

The bill to settle and determine private Land Claims in California was taken up.—Mr. Benton agreed upon the great importance of the subject, and recommended its postponement for a full Senate, which was agreed upon.

Mr. Clay said no business could be done with the present attendance, and moved an adjournment till Monday, which was agreed to, and the Senate went into executive session.

HOUSE.—Several bills were introduced and referred.

After a debate, the bill authorizing the suit of the heirs of General Kosciuszko, now pending in the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, to be removed to the U. S. Court for the District of Maryland, was agreed to. The House then adjourned over to Monday.

PAINE'S LIGHT.—We have, from time to time, given our readers such information as we were able, in regard to the discovery which is claimed to have been made by Mr. Paine, regarding the decomposition of water and the production of an illuminating gas. We have been willing to give him the full benefit of every fact, from whatever quarter it might come—holding our mind entirely open to conviction and ready to accord to him all that he claims, as soon as the evidence shall become sufficient to support these claims. Such, however, has not been presented, though the public have long been anxiously and patiently waiting for it. We had hoped that this evidence would be forthcoming, and that Mr. Paine would, at least for once, be able to convince the public that he was not only no "humbug," but a great discoverer. Just as we began to despair of this result, we learned from the editor of the Worcester Tribune, that he had been permitted to inspect the whole of the apparatus and its operations, and at once gave his testimony to the genuineness of the discovery. The editor of the Palladium has also been permitted to see, and has given his assent. The editor of the Spy has examined the machine under circumstances that "preclude the supposition of fraud," and holds the following language:

"In relation to the production of gas from water by the apparatus we have not a doubt that it is done, precisely as is claimed for it, and at an expense comparatively nominal. The whole was examined under such circumstances as would preclude the supposition of fraud. But, when the parts of the machine in which the invention is contained, the helices and the electrodes, were examined, a sufficient cause was found to account for the effect produced."

The construction of these is different from any thing of the kind before known, yet founded on long established principles; and the instant it is well known, the wonder is that an invention so simple in itself, so conformable to scientific principles, and so naturally proceeding from a knowledge of those principles and one so certain to produce the desired results, should not have suggested itself to some other person long ago.—In what this invention, or rather these inventions consist, we are not, of course, at liberty to speak at present, but as soon as they are properly secured by patent in this country and in Europe, they will no longer remain a secret.

Now as to the practical utility of this invention, in its present state of advancement, we are not so well prepared to speak, as we feel that we are, as to its reality. We do not speak thus, because we have any particular cause of apprehension in this respect; but because we have not yet investigated this subject in this respect sufficiently to enable us to speak with entire confidence. The difficulties in its practical details may not yet have been all overcome. But the invention is made, and they will overcome as certainly as those were which Fulton had to contend against in his first experiments. The question is already settled in our mind, that water is the material upon which men are hereafter to rely for their light, and probably, at no very remote period of time, for their fuel and motive power."

The above we consider of more value than all else we have seen written upon the subject. It is the testimony—honest we have no doubt—of one who, from our personal knowledge, is capable of judging of the matter, and who has had an opportunity to make the necessary investigations.—We can, therefore, hardly reject such testimony, and must believe that Mr. Paine has really and truly made some discovery in regard to the decomposition of water, the importance of which, and its practical utility, we are yet to see.

Prov. Journal, Saturday.

The steamer *Ontio*, from Chagres for New York put into Norfolk, Thursday last, in distress, having sprung a leak at sea.

BY THE MAIL.

UNITED STATES STATISTICS.—Value of woolens, cottons, hemp and hempen goods, iron and iron manufactures, sugar, salt and coal, imported during 1850, \$61,535,321; duties, \$16,930,698. In 1849, the value of such imports was \$48,204,750; duties \$13,162,751.

Value of the imports for 1850, \$178,136,318; exports, \$151,898,720. Domestic produce exported, exclusive of specie, \$134,900,232. Foreign merchandise exported, exclusive of specie, \$9,475,493.

Average annual expenditures of the government from 1828 to 1847, exclusive of the collection of the revenue, payments of account of the public debt, and trust funds \$26,468,570 73. From 1842 to 1845, \$22,957,411 78.

Materia wine imported in 1850, 303,125 gallons; in 1849, 103,971 gallons; in no previous year since 1843 did the quantity exceed 117,000 gallons, and in 1844 it was only 16,000 gallons. In 1843 the average cost was \$2.29 per gallon; in 1850 it was less than 50 cents. Sherry wine imported in 1850, 212,692 gallons; in 1848 215,935; and in no previous year since 1843 did it exceed 77,000 gallons. The cost in 1843 was \$1.38 per gallon; in 1850 it was 56 cents.

There are over 24,000 tailors in London, 16,000 of them are engaged on shop work, or cheap clothing in the employ of the sweaters or middlemen, and are miserably paid; 4,000 are employed by the first class tailors and get fair wages, and 4,000 are out of employ, depending on the occasional charities of the tailor societies and associations. The number was greater in August, but since then over 1,200 have gone to America, and the remaining 3,000 will go in the Spring, or as soon as they can raise the sum of one pound five shillings, which will procure them (from tailor societies) a passage ticket worth £3. It is cheaper for the benevolent societies to send them out to America, than to maintain them four months in so dear and expensive a city as London.

N. Y. Evening Post.

THE INSTITUTE OF GOETHE has just been founded by the government of Saxony. It consists simply of a prize of twenty thousand francs offered to the competition of the literary and artistic world. The first year it will be given to the best among the poems, romances, and dramatic works submitted; the second year to the best picture; the third year to the best piece of statuary; the fourth year to the best piece of music, whether sacred or profane, opera or oratorio. This circle having been completed, the prize will next be given as at the first year, and so on in regular succession. The successful competitor is to remain proprietor of his work, as are all the others. The prize will be allotted by two committees, one at Weimar the other at Berlin. The establishment of the fund was celebrated at Weimar on the 23d of August.

TRAVELING, in France, like everything else there, has been reduced to science, or rather to art. Companies are now formed at Paris which convey passengers to London and back at an expense of only thirty francs—about six dollars. They will pay all your expenses for this run, and give you four days in London to see all the lions. It took more time and more money a few years ago to journey from Paris to Rouen, which is only a few miles off. These pleasure trains, as they are called, quit Paris on Saturday, cross the channel in a good steamer on Sunday, reaching London in the afternoon, give the voyagers Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the city, leaving in time to get back to Paris by Friday night.

ANOTHER TUMBLER AT THE FALLS.—The Niagara Falls Iris, says a portion of the rock at the Horse Shoe Fall, on the Canada side, fell with a tremendous crash a week ago last Tuesday. The part which fell was about ten rods long by four rods wide. It carried with it a canal boat which has been lodged upon it for some time. The Iris says it seems "providential that it fell at this season of the year; for it is precisely the spot where so many continually passed to behold the waters of the cataract, rushing terrifically over their heads, that now filled with the huge masses of rock which have fallen." The appearance of the Falls is said to be not in the least impaired.

JACKSON, the American deer, beat the horse June Bug, in a race at St. Louis, and won \$200. There were 1000 spectators, and much money changed hands on bets. The horse was to trot two miles less 400 yards whilst Jackson went one mile. The two first heats were won by Jackson—time, 4:55, 5:02; Jackson winning the last heat after a hard brush—time, 5:21. The horse went in harness, and was driven by his owner.

FATAL STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.—While the tow-boat *Anglo Norman* was on a pleasure excursion up the river from New Orleans on the 13th, her boiler burst, and a fearful loss of life occurred. There were 110 persons on board, including several ladies. Nearly 100 were wounded, missing and killed.

PREPARATIONS are making to enlarge and strengthen the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, next Spring, in order to render it fit for the passage of railroad cars.

By the last accounts the Mississippi, between St. Louis and Cairo, was full of floating ice, and several boats were icebound. Navigation was suspended.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE have accepted the boundary bill. There was but one vote in the Senate and five in the House against the acceptance.

THE RECEIPTS of Jenny Lind's concert in Baltimore, amounted to about \$12,000.

ANCIENT DISCOVERY OF CALIFORNIA.

In the popular and unique work, "Notes and Queries," we find the following paragraph from a correspondent who probably gleaned it from the last year's proceedings of the New York Historical Society. "In the *Voyage Round the World*, by Captain George Shelvocke, begun February 1719, he says of California, (Harris's Collection, vol. i., p. 233):—'The soil about Puerto Seguro, and very likely in most of the valleys, is a rich black mould which, as you turn it up fresh to the sun, appears as if intermingled with gold dust, some of which we endeavored to purify and wash from the dirt. But, though we were a little prejudiced against the thoughts that it could be possible that this metal should be so universally mingled with common earth, yet we endeavored to cleanse and wash the earth from some of it; and the more we did the more it appeared like gold. In order to be further satisfied, I brought away some of it, which we lost in our confusion in China.' How an accident prevented the discovery, more than a century back, of the golden harvest now gathering in California!

TIME WORKS WONDERS.—A correspondent of the *Melbourne Daily News* remarks that in June, 1847, he met Prince Louis Napoleon and his cousin Jerome Napoleon (now Prince Jerome), and they were very unaffected demure led me to form an intimate acquaintance with him. He appeared to me a person more fond of the ordinary amusements of the metropolis, frequenting the theaters, casinos, and other similar places, than an ambitious adventurer. On the following May, as I was entering the chambers of my solicitor, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, an old gentleman with an umbrella under his arm passed me as I opened the swing doors, and politely removed his hat as I made way for him. It was Louis Philippe. It is scarce three weeks ago I was ordering a waistcoat of my tailor, when two gentlemen entered the shop, and one of them in broken English gave an order for a paletot; I looked up, it was Ledru Rollin and Etienne Arago; when they had gone, the worthy tradesman, knowing I had lived much in Paris, asked me if I knew his customer (M. Arago) and if he could safely give him credit!"

THE HOMESTEAD LAW which passed the Vermont Legislature of 1849 went into operation on the 1st of this month. It provides that house and land, to the value of \$500, with the produce of the land, shall be exempt from attachment and execution, except for taxes. In case of the decease of a husband, this amount of property shall descend to his wife and children, without being subject to his debts, unless made specially chargeable thereupon, and such homestead cannot be alienated or mortgaged except by joint deed of husband and wife. The homestead is, however, liable for debts contracted before its purchase, and the husband may mortgage the same at the time of purchase without the consent of the wife.

NAVAL FORCE OF UNITED STATES.—In Commission.—Ships of the line, 3; razees, 1; frigates, 7; sloops of war, 14; brigs, 4; schooners, 4; steamers, 7; store ships, 6. Total, 46.

In Ordinary.—Ships of the line, 4; frigates, 6; sloops of war, 4; schooners, 1; steamers, 2. Total, 16.

Repairing and Equipping.—Sloops of war, 1; steamers, 5; store ships, 2. Total, 8.

On the Stocks and Constructing.—Ships of the line, 4; frigates, 2; steamer, 1.—Total, 7.

Total Force.—Ships of the line, 11; razees, 1; frigates 14; sloops of war, 19; brigs, 4; schooners, 5; steamers, 15; store ships, 8.

THE ESTIMATED expenses of the city of New York, for the year 1851, are within a fraction of three millions of dollars. Among the large items are \$510,000 for the Police establishment, 440,000 for the Alms House establishment, 220,000 for salaries, 195,000 for Lamps and Gas, 180,000 for cleaning streets, 120,000 for street expenses, 60,000 for the Fire Department, and 35,000 for Printing.

DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.—The case of Miss Hannah Hathorn of this city, vs. John Hopkins, for breach of promise of marriage, has been before the Supreme Court at East Cambridge for several days. We understand the jury yesterday returned a verdict of \$1000 in favor of Miss Hathorn. She is a dress maker in Belvidere, just over the bridge.—*Lowell Courier*.

EXTENSIVE GAMBLING.—The authorities of our city were yesterday placed in possession of information relative to an extensive gambling operation, in which a highly respectable gentleman has been the victim and loser of upwards of \$15,000. The parties will probably be taken into custody to-day, when an investigation will take place.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

HUNDREDS of new claims against Texas have been presented, since the passage of the boundary bill. The Houston Telegraph says that it will require the whole of the ten millions to pay the debts of Texas.

THE *Limerick Chronicle* says that one of the first musical instrument makers in Ireland is Thomas M'Mahon, a lunatic, inmate of the Armagh asylum.

VIRGINIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA, who declined receiving their share of the "surplus revenue" which was distributed some years ago, are now asking for it.

A TURNIP was raised in Addison, N. Y., the past season, which weighed twenty-five pounds, and was forty-four inches in circumference.

THE TRIAL of Lopez and others engaged in the Cuban Expedition, has commenced in New Orleans.

THE RESULT OF GAMING.—Thimble

riggers and dealers in the game of French monte are to be met with at the corners of nearly every street—they throng the sidewalks, crowd the levees, and surround the horse-markets. It is astonishing that men are to be found who are credulous enough to "back" at these games, as the better stands no chance of beating his opponent. When he succeeds in winning, it is at the option of the dealer for him to do so, and only to induce him to larger bets as well as to give a show of fairness to the game. We have frequently stopped in our ramblings and witnessed these robberies, whilst no word of ours would have induced the victim to desist. We will relate an instance of a "fleecing" operation.—A miser came to the city a few days ago, having labored hard from last fall up to the time he left the mines. He had toiled for his dust during many a drenching rain, and been scorched by many a parching sun. He approached a dealer of French monte, and after observing the game with much earnestness, laid down his wager and lost—he bet again and won—then betting a large sum, he lost, of course. A friend took him from the table, talked to him of his folly, and received a promise that he would bet no more. The miser's resolution was not strong—he again sought the accursed table, and in an hour the whole proceedings of his year's work were in the pocket of the dealer.

pletely broken. We saw him next morning, and a more pitiable looking object we have never met with.—*Sacramento Transcript*.

COFFINS OF BAKED CLAY OF THE CHALDEANS.—Mr. Kennet Loftus, the first European who has visited the ruins of Warka in Mesopotamia, and who is attached to the surveying staff of Colonel Williams, appointed to settle the question of the boundary line between Turkey and Persia, writes thus:—"Warka is no doubt the Erech of Scripture, the second city of Nimrod, and it is the Orchoe of the Chaldees. The mounds within the walls afford subjects of high interest to the historian and antiquarian; they are filled, nay, I may say, they are literally composed of coffins piled upon each other to the height of forty-five feet. It has, evidently, been the great burial-place of generations of Chaldeans, as Meshed Ali and Kerbella at the present day are of the Persians.—The coffins are very strange affairs; they are in general form like a slipper-bath, but more depressed and asymmetrical, with a large oval aperture to admit the body, which is closed with a lid of earthen ware. The coffins themselves are also of baked clay, covered with green glaze, and embellished with figures of warriors, with strange and enormous coiffures, dressed in a short tunic and long under garments, a sword by the side, the arms resting on the hips, the legs apart. Great quantities of pottery and also clay figures, some most delicately modeled, are found around them; and ornaments of gold, silver, iron, copper, glass, &c., within.—*Art-Journal*.

MURDER.—A horrid murder was committed in the vicinity of Thomsville, (Geo.) about the 7th inst. A person passing by, discovered apparently an empty wagon in the creek, and on examining it discovered two dead bodies, one a man the other a woman, in a decomposed state, both of whom, from appearances, came to their death by blows inflicted by an ax.—The name of the man was Durent or Duren Moore. That of the woman, probably before marriage was Charity Gove, as a letter was found on her person thus addressed, and directed to Living Creek, N. C. It is supposed they were on their way from North Carolina to Florida. The murderer was supposed to be a dissipated young man, who was seen in their company, and his object, no doubt, was money, as they were known to have some with them. He was pursued and arrested on Saturday in Hamburg, S. C., carried over to Augusta, and committed to jail. He is said to be a desperado, well known to the police in Augusta.

CONFESSION.—The *Hagerstown News* has received a pamphlet, purporting to be the confession of one Charles Wallace, which gives an account of the robbery of Mr. John Funk, at Hagerstown, several years ago, committed by himself and an accomplice named Snelling. This confession was written by Wallace, as he says, from memory, and given by him to Rev. Henry Tracey, at the stake where he was burned alive by a mob on the banks of the Mississippi, on the 11th of August, 1850. He confesses to the murder of Miss Mary Rogers, the beautiful cigar girl of New York, and a number of robberies and other crimes.

A NEW DUTY FOR THE WATCH.—On Sunday night, a homeless couple named Thomas Dunn and wife, came into the Centre Watch house for refuge. The woman was soon after taken ill, and Dr. Clarke was called in. He advised an immediate removal to the House of Industry, and a carriage being procured, she was conveyed by Watchman Gregg to South Boston, and soon after gave birth to an infant. The couple state that they formerly belonged to Sudbury, and were in search of some friends, in this city, when the woman was taken sick.—*Boston Cour.*

It is stated in letters from the West Indies, that on the 24th of August, W. Muir, gunner's mate of Her Majesty's ship *Swift*, being reprimanded for neglect of duty, went to the galley fire, lit a slow match, and was discovered by the corporal of Marines in the act of entering the magazine, with the intention of blowing up the ship! Muir was kept in irons until his arrival at Valparaiso, when he contrived to make his escape.

We stated a few days since that J. A. B. Ayer had been elected Mayor of the city of Lowell. We should have said that it was Dr. J. C. Ayer, whose pharmaceutical reputation has gone the round world over for his preparation of the Cherry Pectoral. *Bangor Courier*.

NEWPORT MERCURY.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1850.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. WILLIAM LEE BARBER, late proprietor and publisher of the *Mercury*, who expired last evening, after a short illness. Words are inadequate to express our sorrow, or convey to our readers the loss we have sustained through this painful dispensation of Providence. A Father, Mother, Sister, and now a Brother, have gone down to the grave in the short space of one year, leaving only two heart-broken sisters of this once happy and united family. Sympathies with them, Reader, for they are bowed to earth with the afflictions that have come upon them.

This number closes the eighty-ninth volume of the *Mercury*—a long, eventful career! It has run. Established in 1758, at a time when a newspaper, in America, was a novelty, and when the difficulties attending printing were so great, and the circulation, from the sparseness of the population, so small, that a grant of twenty pounds, as voted by the General Assembly, was deemed a liberal support of the press;—it has passed through all the important changes in the history of the country—the early efforts of the colonies, their wrongs, their struggle for liberty, their independence, and the rapid and wide-spreading growth of the States. And now, although with our next, we enter on our nineteenth year, time sits lightly on us, while our less favored brethren, of "Colony times," have long since been numbered with the things that were.

We owe our success, not so much to ourselves as to the support and indulgence of friends. We would make ample returns for such encouragement, and endeavor always to keep up with the spirit and improvement of the day. It in this we fail, it must be borne in mind that we are not as young as our contemporaries, and cannot move with the activity that characterizes the age. We are—and we own that we take pride in the confession—we are old fashioned—a relic of other days. As such, we trust to continue our labors to a green old age, in a manner becoming our position, and to the satisfaction of our numerous readers; to whom, both old and young, we wish a "happy new year."

Before our paper goes to press again another year will have closed its account and a new half century commenced. We shall have fairly passed that point which some wise-acres tried to make themselves and the old ladies believe we passed last January, and shall have entered on the first year of the second half of the nineteenth century. We shall have begun the descent of the slope that leads we know not whither, except that it leads every one of us to the grave and to eternity. Our reflections and emotions at this crisis crowd upon us with too great a fullness, to permit any other than this general utterance. We should not have done, were we to write from now till next January, commemorating all the blessed and all the solemn Providences, all the winning and all the warning examples that throng at such a period on the memory.—Let us adore Him who has prolonged our lives and given us so many light beacons of safety and for guidance towards the haven of glory.

THE CHOLERA is ravaging the Island of Jamaica; four thousand having died from this pest, up to the latest arrival. It is of the most malignant type; in most cases carrying off its victims in two or three hours. So rapidly has it spread, that graves cannot be dug to receive the dead. Towns have been almost depopulated, and the dead and dying left to be devoured by dogs and crows.—In a number of cases, the cottages in which persons had died of cholera, were burnt with the bodies in them, as none could be found to dig graves for their interment. All business is at an end, and the inhabitants are frantic with despair. There are but few physicians among them, and there is no medicine to be had to check the disease, whilst many are dying for want of proper food and nourishment.

From California, too, we have news of the cholera, both in the cities and at the mines. It has already carried off great numbers, who were hitherto supposed to be in the best of health. It is reported as declining, or yielding to proper treatment in the cities, but in the country it was spreading with fearful rapidity. How many hearts, in New England, will be called upon to bleed ere this frightful plague is staid!

On examining a list of recent deaths in California, numbering one hundred and twenty-three, we find the average age to be thirty-two years and one month. The majority of these in all probability, enjoyed health before leaving home.

A CORONER'S INQUEST was held before Daniel C. Denham, Esq., Coroner, on the body of a man by the name of Cook, a soldier belonging to Company H. 3d U. S. Artillery; a German by birth, about 35 years of age. He was in town on Monday evening last, and in attempting to go to the Fort, in the storm, lost his way, and after wandering about for some time among the rocks it is probable he fell from one and perished; he was found lying on his face in the water and frozen to the ground, the place where he lay being swampy. *Frederic*.—That he came to his death by misfortune."

We are not prepared to furnish our subscribers with a NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS for eighteen hundred fifty-one; we hope, however, they will not forget the carriers who have served them regularly with their papers, but will bestow upon them a small sum to reward their punctuality.

THE ANNUAL distribution of the American Art-
work, took place at Triple Hall on the evening
of the 20th. The treasurer's report, shows a gross
receipt of \$98,492.88, and an outlay of \$69,150.
for work of art. In the list of the drawing,
we find that Mr. Alfred Smith has obtained a
landscape by Kellogg, Mr. Kellogg a western
artist (Cincinnati) and has high reputation as
portrait painter. He is the intimate friend of
owners, and superintended the exhibition of the
Greek Slave in this country.

At the annual election of Officers of St. John's
Society, No. 1, the following gentlemen were
chosen:
Henry D. Deblow, Henry J. Smith, John W. Smith,
Wm. A. Hildreth, J. W. Smith, E. G. Smith,
Treasurer; John W. Davis, Secretary; Edward
T. Townsend, S. D.; Samuel S. Townsend, J. D.;
Thomas C. Townsend, William B. Townsend, Ste-
phen J. Townsend, Tyler Townsend, H. Lang-
ley, Chaplain.

Two most favorable accounts have been receiv-
ed from the Pacific Whaling Fleet. We wish
to could see the name of a Newport ship among
the fortunate, but that privilege is not accorded
us. We are not prone to despair, but rather
we hope that the day is not far distant when
a too can boast of a goodly fleet. We extract
the following from the *Polymerist* of the latest
date:—

"The harbor of Honolulu and Lahaina are well
filled with whalers from their summer cruise in
the northern seas, in this longitude. And it is
a source of sincere congratulation that such almost
unprecedented success has attended them, and
that most of them are full of whaling vessels, and
that the number of whaling vessels is increasing
at an alarming rate."

Vessels are reported that 14 months from home,
and with a six months voyage to the whaling
ground, with 2,700, 2,800, 2,900, 3,000 barrels
of oil, and bone in proportion; and three ships, 15
months out, with 3,300, 2,930, and 2,490 barrels
respectively. But the most successful of all are
the Vesper, 13 months, with 2,700 whale and 330
perm; the Huntsville, 11 months, with 3,500
whale; the Sheffield, 12 mos., with 3,900 whale;
and the Hannibal, 13 months, with 25 sperm and
3,500 whale.

None of the ships yet in have seen or heard
anything of the long missing Sir John Franklin.
All the whalers, with four or five exceptions,
are American, and from the facts before our eyes,
we are not astonished at the earnest appeal of the
"Polar Whale," in the "Friend" to belet alone.

We doubt if so much oil was ever taken in the
same period, by the same number of ships, and
attended with so few casualties.

We make the following extract from an
article on "Chatsworth," "England," pub-
lished in the N. Y. Jour. Com:—

"Of the superb water lily, lately discovered
in Brazil, and named *Victoria Regia* in
honor of the Queen, you have already
published an account. It has grown and
bloomed here more perfect than elsewhere,
though there are also, good specimens at
the Duke of Northumberland's and at Kew.
The finest plant here, occupies a house
built specially for it 60 by 45 feet enclosing
a small pond 33 feet in diameter for it
to grow in. The plant is, unquestionably,
the most magnificent aquatic known.—
The huge circular leaves, 4 to 5 feet across
are like great umbrellas in size; and the
blossoms, as large as a man's hat—pure
white tipped with crimson—float upon the
surface with very queenly dignity, as if
ready to command admiration. A small
fence or board was placed on one of the
leaves, merely in order to divide the weight
equally as it floated; and it upheld the
weight of a man readily. Some seeds
were presented to me of this beautiful floral
amazon before I left Chatsworth; but as it
requires the tank to be heated to a temper-
ature of 85° and the water kept constantly
in motion by a small wheel, I fear I shall
not readily find an amateur in the United
States who will be inclined to indulge a
taste for so expensive a floral fancy."

Brighton Market, Thursday, last, 1850.
At Market 400 Beef Cattle, no Stores, 14 pairs
Working Oxen, 41 Cows and Calves, 400 Sheep
and Lambs, and 50 Swine.

PRICES.
Beef Cattle—Extra No. 1, first quality \$5 75;
second \$5; third \$4 45.
Working Oxen—\$7.50, 80, 85, 90.
Cows and Calves—\$19, 23, 25, 30, 37.
Sheep—44 a 54 c.
Remarks—On account of the late storm the
cattle on the various railroads have been delayed,
and many Cattle and Swine which were expect-
ed to-day will not arrive in season for to-day's
market. About 225 Beef Cattle were at Cam-
bridge yesterday, but few of which were sold.—
400 Swine are expected to arrive at the Brighton
station this afternoon.

Married.
In Trinity Church, Christmas evening, by the
Rev. Mr. Brewer, Mr. GEORGE J. STRAIGHT to Miss
ELIZA LITTLE, both of this town.

DIED.
In this town, last evening, after a short illness,
WILLIAM LEE BARNER, Esq., late publisher and
proprietor of this paper, in the 26th year of his
age.

In this town, on Tuesday last, SARAH, wife of
Mr. Solomon Brame, and daughter of Mr. Wil-
liam Eldridge, aged 23 years.

In this town 21st inst., Mrs. MARY CONNOR,
daughter of the late Abraham Conner, in the 76th
year of her age.

In this town, yesterday, Mrs. SUSAN HOWLAND,
relict of Mr. Henry Howland, in the 84th year of
her age.

Funeral Monday afternoon, from the residence
of B. B. Howland. Relatives and friends are
invited to attend without further invitation.

At U. S. Hospital, Honolulu, Oct. 9, JOHN A.
CLINTON, son of the late Capt. John Clinton of
this town, aged 20 years.

At Brooklyn, Dec. 15, MARY, wife of Charles
H. Glover, and daughter of Rev. B. Othman,
aged 24 years.

In Portsmouth, 18th, LAURA L., daughter of
George D. Southwick, aged 2 years, 11 months
and 18 days.

At Tiverton, R. I., 14th inst. Mr. DAVID LAKE,
a revolutionary pensioner, in his 91st year.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.
—ARRIVED.—
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25.
Brig Undersa, Garrett, fm Port au Prince for
New York.

Schrs. Hatch, Glover, fm Philadelphia; Cen-
turius, Hinch, fm Bangor for New York; Ed-
ward, Everett, fm Boston for Norfolk; Rocket,
Wells, fm Calais for Norwich; Lonsdale, Taylor,
fm Providence for Philadelphia; H. H. Tollman,
Young, fm do for Baltimore; Wm. Baird, Stubbs,
fm Salem for New York; Mrs. Thomas, fm
Rockland for do.

MEMORANDA.
Arr at Wilmington, N. C., brig Ellen Haden,
fm New York.

Cleared at Wilmington, N. C., 16th, brig Cal-
ander, Taylor, for Galveston.

Sailed from Charleston, 20th, bark Jupiter,
Bigley, for Boston.

BILLS.
NEWTON BROTHERS inform their custom-
ers that their accounts will be ready for settle-
ment at the commencement of the New Year.
All persons having demands will please present
them for payment.
December 25, 1850.

FOR RENT.
A Farm for sale, containing 147
acres, proportionally divided into excellent
tillage, meadow and pasture land, apply to
T. R. HUNTER.
Washington street.
Newport, Dec. 25, 1850.—3w.

Court of Probate of Newport, Dec. 23, 1850.
MARGARET D. BURDICK, administratrix
on the estate of
DANIEL BURDICK,
late of Newport, Mariner, deceased, presents her
third account on said estate and also her Guar-
dianship accounts on Thomas E. Burdick, Ellen
Burdick and Daniel Burdick, children of said
Daniel Burdick for allowance, the same are re-
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COMMISSIONER'S & ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the Court of Probate of the town of Portsmouth Commissioners to receive and examine the claims against the estate of JOHN A. BARKER, late of Portsmouth, R. I., dec., represented insolvent, hereby give public notice that six months from this date are allowed to the creditors to bring in and prove their claims, against said estate, and that we will meet at the house of FOLEY SHERMAN, in Middletown, on the last Saturdays in November and December next, at 1 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of receiving and examining their several claims.

BORDEN LAWTON, } Comm'rs.
PELEG SHERMAN, }
WM. B. HOWLAND, }

Portsmouth, Aug. 22, 1850.

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator on the above estate, has accepted of said trust, and qualified himself according to law, he therefore requests all persons indebted to said estate, to make immediate payment to him, and all persons having claims to present them as soon as may be.

SAMUEL S. PECKHAM.

Guardian's Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been appointed by the Court of Probate, Guardian to

CAPT. BENJAMIN R. C. WILSON, of South Kingstown, (now in parts unknown), and has qualified himself according to law. He therefore calls upon all persons having demands against said Wilson, to exhibit the same to him as soon as may be, and those indebted to make immediate payment.

GEORGE C. KNOWLES, Guardian.
South Kingstown, Sept. 20, 1850.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE subscriber having been appointed by the Court of Probate of the town of Jamestown Administrator on the estate of DANIEL STANTON COTTELL, late of said Jamestown, house carpenter, who has been absent from this state for the term of three years, without due proof of his being alive; and having given bond to said Court according to law, for the faithful discharge of said trust, requests all persons having claims against said estate to present them, and all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment to

JOHN S. COTTELL, Adm'r.
Jamestown, R. I., Oct. 19th, 1850.

Guardian's Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been appointed by the Court of Probate, Guardian to

EDWIN BROWNELL, of Portsmouth, a person deceased by said Court incapable of managing his own affairs, and has qualified himself according to law. He therefore calls upon all persons having demands against said Brownell, to exhibit the same to him, as soon as may be, and those indebted to make immediate payment.

GEORGE B. ANTHONY, Guardian.
Portsmouth, Oct. 19, 1850.

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER hereby gives public notice that he has been appointed Executor on the estate of

JONATHAN DENNIS, late of Portsmouth, deceased, and has accepted said trust, and qualified himself according to law, he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased, to make payment without delay, and also all who have claims against the estate to exhibit them to him.

JAMES DENNIS, Ex'r.
Portsmouth, Nov. 2, 1850.

Executor's Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been appointed Executor on the estate of

HANNAH ALBRO, late of Middletown, dec., and has accepted of said trust, and qualified himself according to law. He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the estate of the said deceased, to make payment to him without delay, and also all persons who have claims against the estate, to exhibit them as soon as may be.

ARNOLD ALBRO, Executor.
Middletown, Aug. 20, 1850.

Executor's Notice.

THE SUBSCRIBER, Executor to the last will of

ELIZABETH ALBRO, late of Portsmouth, having become qualified a law the decedent, requests those having demands against said estate to present them for payment, and all those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to

DAVID BUFFUM, Ex'r.
Middletown, 11th mo. 2d, 1850.

Long Shawls.

JUST opened, another lot of very desirable patterns of Peaceable, Bay State, and Waterloo LONG SHAWLS, making our assortment large and as attractive as at any time this Fall. For sale very cheap by

Nov. 23. WM. C. COZZENS & CO.

BROWN & MUMFORD, FASHIONABLE TAILORS.

—AND DEALERS IN—
READY MADE CLOTHING & FURNISHING GOODS.

Have received an assortment of WINTER GOODS, to which they invite the attention of those who are about purchasing their winter CLOTHING.

Garments of every description made to order on the most liberal terms; Orders from the country promptly attended to.

No. 125 Thames street, Newport, R. I.

HORN'S PATENT CAMPHENE LAMPS.

A NEW supply of these superior lamps for burning, manufactured expressly for lighting stores and public buildings, at a cheap rate this day opened and for sale by

B. H. TISDALE & SON, 133 Thames st.
N. B. Fresh Camphene at all times.
Nov. 9.

KID GLOVES.

A FRESH LOT of Colored Kid Gloves received this day, by

F. LAWTON & BROTHERS.
November 9, 1850.

Administrator's Notice.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate of the town of Newport, administrators on the estate of

THOMAS LAWTON, late of Newport, deceased, have accepted of said trust, and qualified themselves according to law, request all persons having demands against said estate to present them for settlement, and all indebted to make immediate payment to

WM. H. LAWTON, } Adm'rs.
ALBERT G. LAWTON, }

Newport, Nov. 23, 1850.

PRIVATE BOARDING.—Two or three gentlemen can be accommodated with board for the winter in a private family at the South part of a town. Apply at this office. Dec 7.

THE BAY STATE COOKING STOVE,



Together with all the New Patterns of Coal Stoves, are for sale at the Stove Depot of

Oct. 5.] WM. H. BLISS.

LAMPS.

B. H. TISDALE & SON, will open this day, the richest and most extensive assortment of PINE OIL, FLUID and GAS LAMPS, ever offered in Newport, among which are new and elegant patterns of Or-Molu, Bronze, and Marble Centre Table, Mantle, and Side Lamps, with every variety of Portable, Hand, Bed, and Night Lamps,—all of which are offered for sale at exceedingly low prices.

Phosgene, Camphene, Pine Oil and Fluid, for sale as usual. Also, Camphene Lamps, Fluid Tops, Tubes, Wicks, &c., at the very lowest prices, at 133 Thames street.
Sept. 28, 1850.

BOOTS, SHOES, RUBBERS AND BROGANS,

PURCHASED FROM THE MANUFACTURERS WITH THE CASH.

THE STOCK embraces everything in the line and it is unnecessary to add, what is conceded by all, that he can and does sell at Prices as low as the same quality of Goods can be obtained in the State.

The attention of FARMERS is asked to the large stock of Thick and double Kip Water proof Boots, just opened at the CHEAP CASH BOOT and SHOE STORE, No. 173 Thames street, corner of Market Square.

A large stock of Ladies' Shoes, Gaiters and Rubbers, of every description, now opening at the above store.
Sept. 28, 1850.

N. B.—The subscriber is in want of a clerk in his store; one from 14 to 18 years old, who is honest and intelligent would give satisfaction.

GEORGE H. NORMAN.

SUPERIOR FLAVORING EXTRACTS; Lemon, Vanilla, & Bitter Almond.—The attention of Families and Hotel-keepers is respectfully invited to the above named Extracts. They are prepared with great care, expressly for the retail trade, and have all the freshness and delicacy of flavor of the fruit from which they are extracted.

Sold at TAYLOR'S PHARMACY, June 29.] 102 Thames street.

Horse vs Steam.

THE subscriber keeps at his horse power shop No. 2 Sherman street, SASHES & BLINDS, DOORS, WINDOW FRAMES, &c., at the lowest prices.

Orders punctually attended to.

SIMON MOFFITT.
Newport, April 6, 1850.—tf

COAL! COAL!! COAL!!!

THE subscriber would inform his friends and the public, that he has on hand a first rate article of Red Ash Stove and Egg Coal, selected with great care from the best Mines in Pennsylvania; which he offers for sale as low as can be bought in town.

ALSO—PICOU COAL, for Blacksmith's use CHARLES DEVENS, On Devens' Wharf, South side of the Bank of Rhode Island. May 23tf.

Now is the time to get your COAL.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has taken the Coal Yard and wharf formerly occupied by Charles Devens, Jr., and shall be happy to supply the old customers of Mr. Devens, as well as the public generally with the best kind of Coal.

WM. G. PECKHAM.
Newport, Sept. 21, 1850.
N. B.—A good article of Richmond Coal, for Blacksmith's use, for sale as above.

WOOLLEN YARN.

BUE MIXED, Black, Purple, Drab, Blue Scarlet & White 2 & 3 & 4 thread, of very superior manufacture, this day received by

F. LAWTON & BROS.
September 14.

NEW GOODS

—OF THE VARIOUS KINDS FOR FALL & WINTER, ARE RECEIVED, AT

James Hammond's.

Carpet Ware Room.

WM. C. COZZENS & CO.

HAVE received their Fall assortment of Carpets, among them are some very handsome Three Ply, Superfine Ingrain, and Common low priced.

Also List, Rug, and Cotton Carpets, Oil Carpets to put under stoves, Matting, Rugs, Doro Mats, &c., at the cheapest rates.

GREAT VARIETY of Domestic Knit Hosiery, of the best quality, for sale by

H. SESSIONS.
Aug. 30.]

Stoves, Grates & Cylinders

LINED AT SHORT NOTICE, with Soap Stone, or Fire-brick, at the Stove Depot, Thames street, by

WM. H. BLISS.
Newport, Oct. 5.

LINEN GOODS.

PLAIN, Red, Blue, Brown, Green and Mode Colors, of fair quality, at 12 1/2 cents per yard. Also a great variety of all other styles and prices, just opened by

WM. C. COZZENS & CO.
October 5, 1850.

CUMBERLAND COAL, for family use—to burn in open Grates; also, for Blacksmith's use. For sale by

C. DEVENS, Jr.
Oct. 6, 1850.—tf

CASH FOR 1850.

CITIZENS OF NEWPORT AND ITS VICINITY,

ATTEND to your interest and learn from this short notice that we have in store, and are constantly having manufactured expressly for our trade, in the best style,

OVER COATS, SACKS, DRESS & FROCK COATS,

made from Beaver Cloth, Broadcloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds and a variety of other goods.

Pantaloon & Vests

made from the most desirable goods to be found in the market, for Fall and Winter wear.

BOYS CLOTHING,

a great variety, and prices much lower than ever before offered by us.

FURNISHING GOODS,

such as plain and fancy Shirts, Collars, Bosoms, Cravats, Stocks, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Gloves, &c. &c.

Under Shirts & Draw,

VERY CHEAP.

HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS, VALISES, CARPET BAGS, SHAVING SOAPS, PERFUMERY.

All of which will be sold at prices that

CANNOT BE BEAT.

All we ask of you is to give us an opportunity to show the goods, and name the prices.

—AT THE—

OREGON CLOTHING STORE

Corner of Thames and Franklin Streets.

J. M. HAMMETT. (October 12.) S. HAMMETT

TO LET,

And possession given immediately.

THE DWELLING HOUSE situated in Clarke street belonging to Charles B. King, Esq. For terms apply to

P. F. REMINGTON.
Sept. 21, 1850.

For Coughs, Colds, Consumptions, and ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE LUNGS.

THE VEGETABLE PULMONARY BAL-SAM, having been tested by the experience of thousands for the last 20 years, is recommended by eminent physicians and others, of the highest respectability, as superior to any other preparation.

From the Editor of the Burlington Sentinel, May 17, 1850.—"The Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam prepared by REED & CUTLER, of Boston, has become the most popular medicine ever put forth for the cure of Coughs, Colds and Consumption. That it is worthy of this high reputation is made sufficiently evident by the immensity of its annual sales. Messrs. Reed & Cutler are above quackery, depending alone upon the intrinsic virtues of their medicinal preparations for their disposal. Humbug is so plentiful that it gives us real pleasure to offer the trifling and gratuitous tribute of our recommendation to a medicine we know to be of real merit."

An eminent physician writes us,—"I have for some time past been in the habit of prescribing the Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam for consumption, asthma, pleurisy, spitting of blood, and coughs or pulmonary affections of every kind, and with confidence recommend it as superior to any other preparation used for the above complaints."

Nov. 1, 1850.—New Certificates, to almost any extent, might be added if deemed necessary; but the proprietors feel that the article has become so universally well known, and its virtues so generally acknowledged by physicians and others, as to make it unnecessary to offer at this time, further proof of the merits of this highly popular article.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS AND IMITATIONS, such as CARTER'S COMPOUND PULMONARY BAL-SAM, AMERICAN PULMONARY BAL-SAM, and others, in part bearing the name! Enquire for the article by its whole name, the "VEGETABLE PULMONARY BAL-SAM," and see that it has the written signature of Wm. J. CUTLER upon a yellow label, on the blue wrappers. Each bottle and seal is stamped "Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam."

Prepared by REED & CUTLER, Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Medicines, Paints, Chemicals and Dye Stuffs, 33 India street, Boston, and sold by Druggists, Apothecaries and Country Merchants generally. For particulars and recommendations, see a pamphlet accompanying each bottle. Price 50 cents. For sale in Newport, by R. R. Hazard and R. J. Taylor.
Nov. 30, 1850.—6m.

WOOD, BRICKS, STONE, COAL &c.

ON Devens' Wharf, 100 cords of Pine, Oak and Maple Wood, 7000 Danvers BRICK—hard pressed—suitable for sidewalks; 10,000 feet flag and curb STONE For sale by

CHARLES DEVENS, Jr.
Oct. 27.]

Wide Silk Velvets.

BLACK, Blue, Green, and Maroon Mantilla Velvets, opened this day, by

F. LAWTON & BROTHERS.
November 9, 1850.

NEW SUPPLY.

B. H. TISDALE & SON have just received a new and rich assortment of Jewelry, Watches, and Fancy Goods, to which they invite the attention of the public. The prices are low, and among the goods are many new and curious Fancy Articles.

138 Thames st.
Nov. 9.

Winter Goods.

WM. C. COZZENS & CO,

Nov. 23d,

HAVE received during the past week from Boston a great variety of Fall and Winter Goods, which, added to our former Fall supplies, makes our assortment full, and well worthy of the examination of purchasers. Among them are Mousseline de Laines in very great variety, Merinoes, Tibets, and Indiana Cloths, Trimmings, Ribbons, Cashmere Scarfs, Alpacaes, &c., &c.

Also, a few very desirable patterns of Carpets, very good and cheap—cheaper than they will be next Spring, unless wool should be lower than it is now.

ERNEST GOFFE,

Manufacturer and Dealer in every kind of

Cabinet Furniture,

Chairs, Feather Beds, Mattresses of all kinds, Looking Glasses, Looking Glass Plates, Willow Ware, Curled Hair, &c. &c.

FURNITURE

manufactured to order, of the best material and workmanship, cheap for Cash, satisfactory evidence of which will be given to any one calling

At No. 28 Bridge Street.

Coffins of all Descriptions.
Newport, March 16, 1850.

AMERICAN ART-UNION.

(Incorporated for the promotion of the Fine Arts in the United States.)

THE GALLERY, (497 Broadway, N. Y.) is now open to the public, from 6 o'clock A. M. to 9 P. M. Admission Free.

The walls are hung with upwards of THREE HUNDRED PAINTINGS already purchased for distribution. The number will be increased as the subscription list advances. Twenty copies in bronze of the Filatrice, a graceful statue by Kneeland; six bronze busts of Washington by Kneeland; marble Statuary and bronze Medals, &c., &c., are also among the works to be distributed.

Members of 1850 for each subscription of five dollars, in addition to the share in the distribution of the above works, are entitled to a set of the following works of Art, viz:

- To a Such number of the Monthly Bulletin as may be issued after the date of their respective subscriptions. This is an illustrated publication, each No containing 16 pages of three columns each of reading matter relating to Art.
- To a Print from the fine Line Engraving, by Bart, from Leslie's celebrated painting of Anne Page, Slender and Shallow—size 20 1/2 by 16 1/2 inches.
- To a set of five Engravings in Line, executed in the highest style, after Cole's Dream of Arcadia, Emond's New Scholar, Leutze's Image Breaker, Durand's Dover Plains, and Woodville's Card Players. Sizes 7 1/2 by 10 inches each.

JACOB WEAVER, No. 2 Oak Row.
Honorary Secretary for Newport.
September 14.

TIMELY HINTS TO ALL.

To Strangers, Oldsters, and the Ladies especially.

PARENTS.

READER, if you are still blessed with parents, who are yet in good health, and no artist's pencil has truly traced the linaments of his or her familiar face or form, you may well act the part of wisdom to advise or persuade them to visit without delay, Williams' Daguerreotype Rooms, corner of Thames street and Washington Square, and have their minutures taken in his superior style of art.

If you have a mutual friend, in whose welfare you feel an interest, and your kind feelings are reciprocated, that friend will value, as a precious memorial your Daguerreotype Miniature, if taken in Williams' peculiar style.

FRIENDS.

If you are a parent—what would you not give for a correct and perfect likeness of yourself, taken when a child? It would show the effects of time, and call up many happy remembrances. This pleasure you can now grant to your children—and should they be "snatched from you by the hand of death," your possession of their Daguerreotype Miniatures, if taken by a good artist, will afford you sweet consolation.

TO ALL.

How many have lost a father, a mother, a sister, a brother, or an innocent little prattling child—and have not even the shadow of a resemblance to look upon. After the separation some little toy or a trifling article of apparel, is often kept for years, and cherished as a token of remembrance how much more valuable would be one of Williams' perfect Daguerreotype Miniatures of the "loved and lost."

There is scarcely any one who does not take pleasure in gazing on the features of a friend, and when that friend has been removed by death, we often hear the exclamation, uttered with an expression of deep regret, "Oh, what would I not give for such a picture of my friend!"

Reader, perhaps you cannot do a better thing now, while your mind is upon the subject, than take an hour or two, and go by yourself, or with your family, or your friends, and visit the only artist in our town; and if not now, you may at some future period have reason to feel grateful for these "gentle hints" from

J. A. WILLIAMS, Daguerreotype Artist
Oct. 26, 1850.

TO LET.

THE MANSION HOUSE, with all the standard Furniture, late the residence of Robert Johnson, Esq., near Eastons' Beach. The House contains five rooms, including the attic, with an out Kitchen, a good Coach House, Barn, &c. And can have a few acres of Land if required. For further particulars, inquire of

ISAAC GOULD, No. 70 Thames street.
March 9.]

Tea! Tea!! Tea!!!

GREEN & Black Tea, superior flavor and warranted genuine. A fine assortment of the above may be found at Young's, and at prices as low as can be bought in Newport; those that want a first-rate article at a low price, will do well to give us a call. A good article of Gunpowder Tea, at the low price of 50 cents.

H. H. YOUNG, Park Saloon.
June 8.]

R. J. TAYLOR has removed to the OLD STAND, No. 102 Thames street.

Commissioner's & Administrator's NOTICE.

THE subscribers having been appointed by the Hon. Court of Probate of the town of Newport, commissioners to receive and examine the claims against the estate of

WILLIAM BRIGGS, late of Newport, dec., represented insolvent, hereby give public notice that six months from this date, are allowed the creditors of said estate to present and prove their several claims, and that we will meet at the store of John W. Davis & Son, on the second Saturdays of December, 1850, and January and February 1851, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of examining and deciding on the same.

PETER P. REMINGTON, } Comm'rs.
ISAIAH BURDICK, }
JOHN W. DAVIS, }

All persons indebted to said ESTATE are requested to make immediate payment to

MARY MENZIES, Administratrix.

BLEACHED COTTONS.—Eighteen yards for a dollar—for sale by

F. LAWTON & BROS.
October 26, 1850.

Table & Dairy Salt.

THE PACIFIC ROCK SALT Co., having perfected their arrangements, for cleansing and grinding Pure Rock Salt for Table and Dairy use, are prepared to furnish the trade with it in packages of every description at the lowest rates. The objections heretofore made by consumers of Ground Rock Salt, on account of the impurities it contains, will no longer apply to salt manufactured at this establishment, as every particle of it is perfectly cleansed before grinding. For samples and terms apply at the office 109 Broad street, New York.

N. B.—Unwashed Ground Rock Salt, the description usually sold in this market, furnished to order at reduced rates.

B. RANSOM.
August 10, 1850.

TO LET

A LARGE Two Story House, well arranged for one or two families, with good cellar, good wood water, wood houses and other conveniences. Pleasantly situated at the corner of Caleb Earl's, near the head of Broad street.

Apply to

W. D. STEWART, Broad street.
October 26, 1850.

DAVIS & SON, are now prepared to receive HAMS and other MEATS to Cure, and by

Emble.
[November 16, 1850.]

T. W. WOOD, M.D. BOTANIC PHYSICIAN

Office No. 192—Residence 106 Thames

NARRACANSETT DYE HOUSE

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

WM. E. & N. E. DODGE, PROPRIETORS
Office for receiving and delivering Goods
No. 81, South Main Street.

WHERE all kinds of Dyeing, Cleaning, Bleaching is executed with neatness, despatch, and from 25 to 40 per cent. cheaper than any other establishment in the United States.

WE DYE AND FINISH

Every description of Ladies and Gentlemen's Wearing Apparel in a style not to be equalled in the Country.

WE ALSO CLEANSE and finish Ladies' Cambrics, Merino and other Shawls, Gentlemen's Coats, Pants and Vests, Piano and Table cloth Carpet Rags, Blankets, Quilts, &c. &c. All BLEACH Marseilles Quilts, Counterpanes a Table Linen.

YARNS both Woolen and Cotton, Dyed shades and colors.

HATS and BONNETS, Leghorn, Straw Chip, and Braided, Dyed, Bleached and Pressed with a superior finish.

Mrs. LANGLEY & NORMAN,
106 THAMES STREET, Newport,
are Agents for the above establishment.
April 13, 1850.—tf

BRASS FOUNDRY, PLUMBER, AND COPPER SMITH.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he is prepared to execute orders in the line of his business, and on the most reasonable terms. All articles usually done by a Plumber and Copper Smith line, are constantly on hand, and repaired in the most judicious and substantial manner, for sale a very large assortment of the latest invention of

COPPER & IRON PUMPS, among which may be enumerated—Farnham's Patent Double Action Forcing and Suction; Patent Hydraulics; Double action lift and force; steamboat Pumps, and a great variety of others which will be fitted in the best manner and warranted not to fail, until worn out.

A large supply of LEAD PIPE kept on hand, which will be fitted to order in any style that may be desired.

A large assortment of such articles as are usually found in an establishment of this kind, will be found for sale. All kinds of Job Work will be carefully attended to on the most reasonable terms. Orders left at the store will be executed with despatch.

A share of public patronage is solicited as the most ample satisfaction will be given. Second doornorth of the Custom House, Newport 1850.] NATHAN M. CHAFFEE.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having purchased the entire interest of the late SILAS WARD, dec., in the SOAP & CANDLE FACTORY, would give notice to their friends and to the public generally that they will continue to carry on the business at the old stand No. 6 Sherman street, where they will be glad to serve their friends and the public with as good articles as can be found and at reasonable prices.

WM. G. & GEO. S. WARD.
Newport, April 6, 1850.—tf

FERRY FOR SALE

THE subscriber will sell his ferry, situated on the west side of the island, consisting of a NEW BOAT, and WHARF, a good order, together with fifteen acres of good land, house, barn, &c., with a good privilege of seaweed. For further particulars enquire on the premises.

ISAAC E. HOWLAND.
Nov. 16. Jamestown.

Fashionable Tailoring Establishment

NO. 103 THAMES STREET.

The subscribers, would respectfully invite the attention of the public, to their fashionable assortment of new Winter Goods, consisting in part of

BROADCLOTHS, CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS, which will be sold at moderate prices, or made into garments of the latest styles, in the most thorough manner.

W. B. SWAN. Newport, Nov. 9, 1850. E. J. SWAN.

4-4 WHITE LINENS; 5-4 White Linen Brown and White Linen Closes, Linen Towels, do Napkins, do Doilies, Huckerback Diapers—brown & white Scotch do.

at JAMES H. HAMMETT'S.
Oct. 6.]

For Providence and Boston. NEW ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Monday, Dec. 2d, the steamer PELICAN, Capt Geo. W. Wood, will leave Newport at 8 o'clock in the morning, and Providence at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fare to Boston 75 cents.
" " Boston 1 50.
Nov 30, 1850.

Loan Wanted, FOR A TERM OF YEARS.

THE sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, for which ample security on some of the most valuable real estate in Newport will be given. Enquire of the printer of the Mercury.
Dec. 7—4w.

Sherman's Bonnet Rooms

261 THAMES STREET.

MRS. A. SHERMAN, having recently returned from N. York, has in store, and is constantly receiving, a variety of Winter Goods, Bonnets, &c., to which she invites the particular attention of the Ladies. She feels confident that her Stock will compare favorably with any in town, and the Goods being now fresh, offer a favorable time to select the most desirable articles. An examination of these Goods will prove, to those who favor them with a visit, not only a pleasure, but a MATTER OF INTEREST.

Newport, Nov. 26, 1850.

Whale Oil.

60 BBLS. first quality N. W. Coast whale oil, suitable for family use, and for sale by

SAMUEL BARKER.
Nov. 23.—3w. 102 Thames street.